GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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OPIUM CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The total hectares of land brought under opium cultivation in each State;

(b) Whether the opium growers have requested the Union Government for allotting more area under opium cultivation; and

(c) If so, the action taken by the Government to consider their request ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The total licensed area (in hectares) in different States during the crop year 2001 is as under: -

Madhya Pradesh	11286
Rajasthan	10049
Uttar Pradesh	5350

(b) During the crop year 2001, 4424 cultivators from MP sought higher allotment of area.

(c) As per the opium licensing policy for the crop year 2001 a maximum area of 20 ares was allotted to each cultivator.